

Perfins used on receipt for payment of postage due

We're not aware of any perfins on postage due stamps (we're not sure why or how that would occur), but this New York Post Office receipt indicates that perfins have been used to pay postage due. The perfin is the NYM/Co (N193) pattern of the New York Merchandise Company (the catalog says New York Mailing Company, possibly an error or a company name change) and it was used to pay 1¢ postage on "one piece

of ordinary mail" addressed to S. S. Kresge Company of Williamsport, PA. The use of the Kresge rubber stamp as well as the New

York Merchandise Rubber stamp seems to suggest that a lot of mail passed between the two firms—which may give credence to the real owner of the pattern being a mailing company.